



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service**

South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



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General

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service’s South Carolina Field Office, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 2, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.05 inches of rain up to 1.71 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

County Extension Comments

“Lack of consistent rainfall continues to hamper crop progress. Some corn harvest has begun. Crop growth has slowed with lack of adequate rainfall and high temperatures. Some cotton has been abandoned.”

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“Very dry conditions and extreme heat are continuing to affect crop growth and quality.”

Powell Smith, Lexington County, District 50

“Some small areas had some rain events during the week. All crops are in need of rain. Non-irrigated vegetables have been hurt by the heat, and some plantings of late summer crops have been delayed.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“A fourth week with little to no measurable rain and elevated temperatures is taking a toll on crop yield potential and condition. Corn harvest is continuing. The condition of cotton, peanuts, and soybeans worsened this week. No reported crop insect or disease problems. Significant rainfall is desperately needed soon to prevent further deterioration of crop condition.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/02/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Dough	97	93	97	96
Corn - Mature	66	37	46	53
Cotton - Squaring	99	97	98	93
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	76	70	90	58
Hay - 2nd Cutting	61	50	NA	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	85	80	80	83
Peanuts - Pegging.....	98	97	98	92
Soybeans - Emerged.....	100	99	99	99
Soybeans - Blooming	38	24	72	56
Soybeans - Setting Pods..	8	NA	12	15
Tobacco - Topped	100	95	100	99
Tobacco - Harvested.....	35	27	51	50

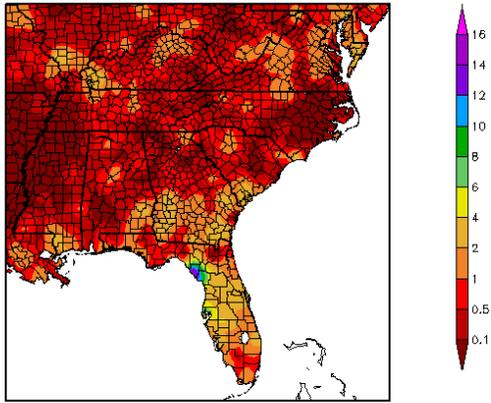
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/02/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	20	78	1
Corn	25	16	24	31	4
Cotton	1	8	53	37	1
Hay	3	9	40	48	0
Pasture and range.....	2	23	50	25	0
Peanuts.....	0	1	37	59	3
Soybeans	5	19	37	37	2
Tobacco	1	6	45	41	7

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/02/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	11	10
Short	71	62	30
Adequate.....	17	27	54
Surplus.....	0	0	6
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	20	16	NA
Short	70	51	NA
Adequate.....	10	32	NA
Surplus.....	0	1	NA

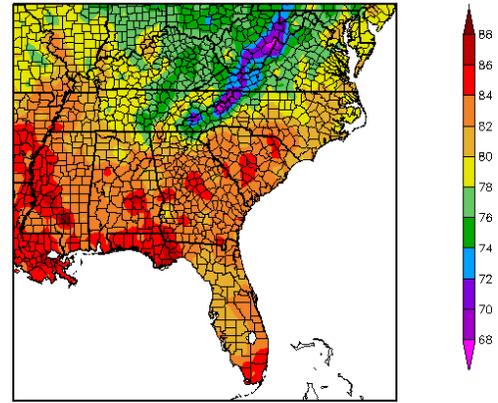
Precipitation (in)
7/27/2015 – 8/2/2015



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Temperature (F)
7/27/2015 – 8/2/2015



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U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

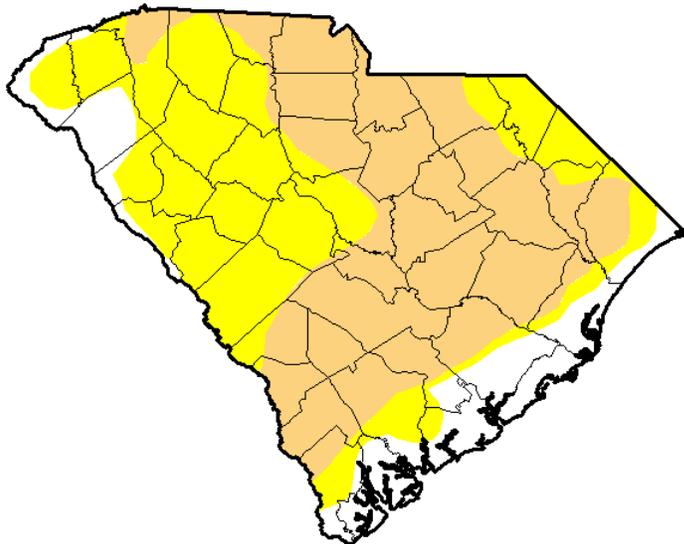
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	14.26	85.74	47.53	0.03	0.00	0.00
Last Week 7/21/2015	32.48	67.52	46.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 4/28/2015	99.71	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/20/2014	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/30/2014	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 7/29/2014	73.66	26.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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